

TOPIC: 3. Koethen Airfield

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REMARKS

1. The following flying activity was observed at Koethen airfield between 14 July and 5 August:

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14 July. After 8 p.m., there was night flying by MiG-15s. Between 9:20 and 9:24 p.m., and between 9:30 and 9:35 p.m. respectively, 10 MiG-15s took off in elements of two. Night flying still continued after 10:20 p.m. Landings were observed at 9:43, 9:45, 9:52, 9:55, 9:58, 10:04, 10:05, 10:08, 10:15, 10:16 and 10:17 p.m. 25X1

15 July. Flying was observed between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s. A high-wing monoplane landed at 10:55 a.m.

16 July. No air activity was observed. Two aircraft of the alert flight had [ ] field. \* A MiG-15 plane [ ] was also observed at the 25X1

17 July. No flying was observed between 9:30 and 11 a.m. and between 2 and 3 p.m. Two MiG-15s of the alert flight had the [ ] 25X1

21 July. The [ ] were observed on four planes of the alert flight. After 11 p.m., there was night flying, while the searchlight was in operation. 25X1

22 July. There was no flying throughout the day although the weather was favorable. [ ] were observed on two planes of the alert flight. After 25X1

9:30 p.m., night flying was practiced; the searchlight was in operation.

23 July. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

Landing	Take-Off	Aircraft
2:05 p.m.		1 biplane
	2:15 p.m.	4 swept-back jet fighters
	2:55 "	2 swept-back jet fighters
3:14 "		2 swept-back jet fighters
3:17 "		2 swept-back jet fighters
3:25 "		4 swept-back jet fighters
	3:25 "	1 biplane
3:26 "		2 swept-back jet fighters
4:28 "		1 twin-engine aircraft
5:20 "		1 Yak-11
5:21 "		"
5:24 "		"
5:28 "		"
5:30 "		"
5:31 "		"

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25X1 The swept-back jet fighters which took off at 2:15 and landed at 3:25 p.m.  
 25X1 were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks and belonged to the alert flight. Between  
 25X1 4 and 5:45 p.m., there was formation flying by Yak-11s.  
 25X1 24 July. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., flying was practiced at the field. Take-offs  
 25X1 were made by a swept-back jet fighter at 10:18 a.m. and two swept-back jet  
 25X1 fighters with the [redacted] at 10:58 a.m. Landings were made by a  
 25X1 swept-back jet fighter at 9:50 a.m., two swept-back jet fighters at 11:05 a.m.  
 25X1 and 1 swept-back jet fighter at 11:12 a.m. [redacted]  
 25X1 were identified on the four planes of the alert flight. Another plane with the  
 25X1 [redacted] was also observed at the field.  
 25X1 25 July. There was little air activity at the field.  
 25X1 29 July. Only a few flights were made. One swept-back jet fighter, each with a  
 [redacted] landed at 11:31 and 11:40 a.m.  
 [redacted] on the plane which landed at 11:40 a.m.  
 31 July. There was little air activity.  
 1 August. No flights were made.  
 2 August. Only individual flights were observed. Two Yak-11s and 31 swept-back jet  
 fighters were parked at the field.  
 3 August. No air activity was observed.  
 4 August. One Yak-11 plane and 26 swept-back jet fighters were counted at the field.  
 25X1 A plane with the [redacted] landed at 3:35 p.m.  
 5 August. Local and training flights were made. The following take-offs and landings  
 were observed:

Take-Off	Aircraft
3:42 p.m.	2 swept-back jet fighters
3:47 "	1 swept-back jet fighter
3:58 "	1 Yak-11
4:05 "	1 swept-back jet fighter
4:13 "	1 " " " "
4:25 "	1 " " " "
4:31 "	1 " " " "
4:33 "	1 " " " "
4:33 "	1 " " " "
4:36 "	1 " " " "
4:36 "	1 " " " "
5:31 "	1 " " " "
5:37 "	1 " " " "

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Landing	Aircraft
3:35 p.m.	1 swept-back jet fighter
3:58 "	1 swept-back jet fighters
4:20 "	1 " " " "
4:20 "	1 " " " "
4:21 "	1 " " " "
4:27 "	1 Yak-11
4:30 "	1 swept-back jet fighter
4:39 "	1 " " " "
5:05 "	1 " " " "
5:07 "	1 " " " "
5:12 "	1 " " " "
5:20 "	1 " " " "

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6 and 7 August. No flights were observed at the field.

2. On 2 August, a shipment of 8 AA guns and 20 motor vehicle numbers, was observed;

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25X1 3. In late July, work on the fence around the field was nearing completion. The gaps between the boards were covered with timber on both sides. Trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the field.



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25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. The same air activity was previously reported. No formation flying in large formations was observed.  
25X1 \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. It is known that eight 37-mm AA guns are emplaced at the field. No indications are available on the purpose and destination of the reported shipment. It is not believed that the guns just arrived at the field since truck [redacted] was observed hauling food for Koethen airfield in early July 1952.

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